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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Travel Plans

1. As I understand either Mr. Helms or General Walters has mentioned to you, I have been asked by Admiral Gayler to spend the week of 19 February with him at CINCPAC. Admiral Gayler apparently wants to engage in a series of private, informal discussions regarding U.S. intelligence needs and resource requirements in the Pacific area over the next few years, the types of resources CINCPAC will need to meet these requirements, and how such CINCPAC resources ought to be deployed. I have tentatively accepted this invitation, with the proviso that last minute developments in Washington could make it necessary for me to cancel out.

2. General Walters has suggested, and I certainly agree, that if I go as far as Honolulu, I probably ought to go on to Indochina for a quick on-the-ground look at my parish in the new post-Vietnam cease-fire climate. I think this is a good idea, not only because we have an evolving new situation on the ground, but also because I have not, in fact, visited Indochina since I accompanied Mr. Helms on his trip in the fall of 1970. I had intended to make another trip in 1971 and 1972, but each time planning for such a journey was developed against a specific set of dates, something always came up in Washington to make those specific dates an unwise time for me to be absent from my desk here.

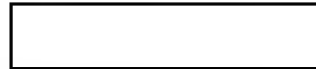
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4. My present tentative plans are to leave here on or about 17 February and be back at my desk on Monday, 12 March. This plan is, of course, only tentative, pending your approval. I would appreciate knowing your views and preferences as soon as conveniently possible.



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